

**REPORT TO:** POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 29 OCTOBER 2012  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 29 OCTOBER 2012

**REPORT ON:** BARNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL EXTENSION

**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT AND DIRECTOR OF  
EDUCATION

**REPORT NO:** 399-2012

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek committee approval to amend the agreed extension to Barnhill Primary School and to increase the scale and design of the original proposal.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Education Committee and the Policy and Resources Committee are recommended to approve the revised proposal to extend Barnhill Primary School with appropriate adjustment to the 2012-2016 Capital Plan.

## 3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are financial implications arising from this revised proposal. The initial capital, increased loan charges and property running costs at current prices for the agreed proposal and the revised proposal are:

	Agreed Proposal	Revised Proposal
Initial Capital Costs	£950,000	£1,980,000
Increased Loan Charges	£53,856	£101,109
Additional Property Running Costs	£35,000	£54,000

The increased capital costs will be contained within the overall 2012/2016 General Services Capital Plan. The increased loan charges will be contained within the overall Revenue Budget for Capital Financing Costs and the increased Property costs will be contained within the overall Education Department and City Development Revenue Budgets.

## 4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 The Director of Education initially requested committee approval to increase the capacity of Barnhill Primary School to accommodate pupil demand. A scheme was prepared and developed (Committee Report 48-2012 refers) to extend the school by providing 4 additional classrooms and this project was incorporated into the Financial Plan for 2012-2016 with the expectation that the work would be completed during 2013/2014.

4.2 Following committee approval in February 2012, a review of nursery provision across the city was started (Committee Report 245-2012 refers) to focus on the rising pre-school population and the potential impact on the uptake and availability of pre-school places from August 2013. In addition, a request was received from the Out of School Care Club

in June 2012 asking that consideration be given to providing additional space to meet the increased demand for pre-school and after-school care.

- 4.3** The review of nursery places has identified a need to increase the level of nursery provision in the school since the current allocation of 30 places for each morning and afternoon session does not meet the level of demand. In addition, it is clear that there has been a marked increase in the number of pupils using the Out of School Club and a subsequent need to extend the available space to cater for the level of demand.
- 4.4** Although the proposed four classroom extension would extend teaching space, it would not be possible to increase the level of nursery provision or meet the demand for additional space for the Out of School Club given the footprint and capacity of the existing building. As a result it has become necessary to revisit the agreed proposal and seek committee approval for an increased extension to ensure that the wider needs of the school are met fully.
- 4.5** The revised proposal is for a larger extension designed to meet the current and future needs of the school. It would require to be built in two phases commencing as planned in 2013-14. The proposed extension would provide:
- a nursery facility with 50 nursery places for each morning and afternoon session;
  - four classrooms;
  - a group area;
  - a gymnasium;
  - toilets; and
  - changing facilities.

Within the existing building work would also be carried out to:

- extend the dining facilities; and
- create an additional classroom area.

In addition, the existing car park would be required to be relocated and extended because the parking area would be displaced by the relocation of the nursery unit to allow for the construction of the new extension. The nursery unit would continue to be used until the new nursery facility was available. It would subsequently be used to accommodate the Out of School Club.

## **5.0 NON-MONETARY COSTS FOR EACH THE AGREED PROPOSAL AND THE REVISED PROPOSAL**

### **5.1 Agreed Proposal - Provide a New Four Classroom Extension**

**Benefits** - This option will satisfy the current and future short term capacity needs of the school. The current programme for this option allows completion of the four classroom extension during 2013-2014. The pupil capacity would increase to 530 with nursery remaining at 30 FE places.

**Costs** - The increased capacity of this option will not impact on the available space within the nursery unit. The Out of School Club would not be able to offer additional spaces to meet the increased demand.

The construction process to deliver the four classroom extension will require significant work to be undertaken during term time which will result in disruption (albeit managed) particularly relating to fire evacuation procedures from the two storey classroom block.

## 5.2 Revised Proposal - Provide a Four Classroom Extension with Nursery Unit, Gymnasium, Toilets and Changing Facilities, Extend Dining and Out of School Club Area, Relocate Existing Nursery Unit and Relocate existing Car Park

Benefits - This option will satisfy the current and future capacity needs of the school. The provision of the additional gym will satisfy the physical education curriculum needs resulting from increased capacity. Adequate dining provision will be appropriate to the capacity of the school and the extension to the out of school club facility would allow them to increase their pupil places that may result from the increased school capacity. The pupil capacity would increase to 555 with the nursery increased to 50 FE places.

The relocation of the car park is more suited to direct visitors to the school main entrance.

The main works can be carried out during term time at a location causing least disruption to the school.

Costs - The works would require to be spread over two years, firstly the formation of the new car park and the relocation of the nursery unit which would require to be carried out during the summer holidays prior to the commencement of the new six classroom construction works. The works would not be complete until 2014-2015.

## 6.0 IMPACT STATEMENT

	Agreed Proposal	Revised Proposal
Increased capacity	√	√
Increased PE facilities	X	√
Increased dining provision	X	√
Increased nursery provision (for future demand)	X	√
Increased Out of School Club provision	X	√
Minimum disruption to school	√	√

## 7.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environment Assessment, Anti-Poverty and Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

## 8.0 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

## 9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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